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SUBJECT: NATO AEW - FINANCIAL EXPERTS MEETING

REF: A. USNATO 8167 DTG 261746Z AUG 77; B. USNATO 8144 DTG 261352Z AUG 77 (NOTAL).

SUMMARY: ON SEPTEMBER 5, NADREPS AGREED THAT NATO AEW NATIONAL FINANCIAL EXPERTS SHOULD MEET ON SEPTEMBER 21-22. CONFIDENTIAL

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AFTER THE MEETING THE FRENCH NADREP SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE THE FRENCH WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THESE MEETINGS. END SUMMARY.

1. AT THEIR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 5 THE NADREPS AGREED THAT NATIONAL FINANCIAL EXPERTS (NFE) SHOULD MEET AT NATO HEADQUARTERS ON SEPTEMBER 21-22 TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS OF

THE NATO AEW PROGRAM. FURTHER THE NADREPS AGREED THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE ASYG FOR DEFENSE SUPPORT, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NFE, TO CALL A MEETING OF THE GROUP WITHOUT FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH NATIONS. THUS IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, BY MESSAGE, ACTING ASYG FOR DEFENSE SUPPORT (MUELLER) WILL NOTIFY NFE OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING AND PROVIDE A PROPOSED AGENDA.

2. THE BELGIAN NADREP SAID THAT BELGIAN NFE WOULD BE UNAVAILABLE ON SEPTEMBER 21-11 BECAUSE OF OTHER COMMIT-MENTS: HOWEVER HE INFORMED US THAT BELGIUM WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING, PROBABLY BY THE NADREP HIMSELF. BASED ON NAPO/PM(77)938 (REF A) THE DANISH NADREP SAID THAT IF NFE WOULD DISCUSS NO REALLY NEW INFORMATION, DENMARK WOULD NOT ATTEND SINCE THE DANISH FINANCIAL EXPERTS ARE NOT NEW AND THEY HAVE OTHER IMPORTANT DUTIES TO PERFORM. THE NAPO PROGRAM MANAGER EXPLAINED THAT WHILE NATIONS WILL NOT BE PRESSED TO STATE FINAL POSITIONS AT THE FIRST MEETING, THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF NEW INFORMATION FOR THE NFE TO DISCUSS AND SEVERAL OUTSTANDING ISSUES ON WHICH THEY CAN CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS. COMMENT: WHILE HE DID NOT SAY SO SPECIFICALLY, THE DANISH NADREP APPEARED TO BE SATISFIED WITH THIS EXPLANATION. HE DEPARTED THE MEETING EARLY AND WILL BE IN COPENHAGEN UNTIL NEXT WEEK. WE WILL ASCERTAIN THE DANISH POSITION UPON HIS RETURN. END COMMENT.

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3. AFTER THE MEETING THE FRENCH NADREP INFORMED US THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE FRENCH WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE NFE MEETINGS. FRANCE HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN PREVIOUS NFE MEETINGS, AND WOULD PROBABLY NOT BEGIN TO DO SO AT THIS POINT. BENNETT

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